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**U.S. Railroad Retirement Board Announces  
Executive Appointments, Committee Expansion**

The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board has announced several executive appointments and the expansion of its Executive Committee as part of an administrative reorganization.

John L. Thoresdale was appointed Director of Administration and will also serve for two years as the Chair of the Board's Executive Committee. The Chair position will then be rotated among the Executive Committee members. Mr. Thoresdale, who previously served as Director of Policy and Systems, succeeds Kenneth P. Boehne, who was named Chief Financial Officer. Steven A. Bartholow, who was Deputy General Counsel, was appointed General Counsel.

These three executives, along with Director of Programs Bobby V. Ferguson and Chief Information Officer Robert T. Rose, will serve on the expanded agency Executive Committee. The committee is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency and for making recommendations to the three-member Board on agency-related policy issues.

The reorganization also provides for the Board's Chief Actuary, Frank J. Buzzi, to report directly to the Board Members.

An independent Federal agency headquartered in Chicago, the Board administers the \$8 billion-a-year benefit programs provided under the Federal Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Acts covering the nation's railroad workforce and their families.